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IN RE APPLICATION OF

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Examiner: Schwadron, Ronald B.

APPLICATION NO: 10/035.663 FILED: NOVEMBER 7, 2001

FOR: COMBINATIONS OF IMMUNOSUPRESSIVE AGENTS FOR THE

TREATMENT OR PREVENTION OF GRAFT REJECTIONS

Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

The Office Action of March 11, 2005 in the above-identified application has a shortened statutory time set to expire on June 11, 2005. A one-month extension is hereby requested pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a).

The response to said Office Action is a request for filing a continuation application of the above-identified application.

The above-noted application is hereby expressly abandoned, as of the filing date granted to the continuation application, provided that this petition for extension of time be approved and that the continuation application be granted a filing date.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis in the amount of \$120 for payment of the extension fee. An additional copy of this paper is here enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR §1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis.

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